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Insight

Law grads gain posts in a hurry Five from '76 class

voted prosecutors By Dan Joling

Missourian staff writer

New lawyers traditionally face the problem of establishing a practice, but five 1976 University School of Law graduates solved their employment problems in a hurry last year.

They made the jump from scholar to practicing professional by successfully running for prosecuting attorney positions.

Cynthia McPherson in Audrain County, Roy Richter in Montgomery County, David Appleby in Christian County, Mark Kempton in Pettis County and Dennis Reaves in Cedar County all found themsleves facing experienced lawyers in court within days of assuming office in January.

Kenneth Dean, assistant dean in charge of placement at the law school, said it's uncommon for lawyers fresh out of law school to be elected to the prosecutor's position.

"It's much more common for a grad who is interested in the prosecutor's office to be hired as an assistant;" he

That has been the case in Boone County since Prosecuting Attorney Milt Harper began his first term in January 1973. Of the 10 persons hired to fill four assistant prosecutor jobs, seven have been new graduates.

Harper said he never has to advertise for assistants when a position opens. "We are deluged with applicants."

Of the 120-125 students who graduated from the University law school in 1976-77, fewer than 10 chose to start a private practice on their own, according to University placement office figures.

A survey taken by the National Association for Law Placement found that 52 per cent of all new 1975-76 graduates went into some sort of private practice, mostly with established firms. About 17 per cent took government jobs, 10 per cent went into business, nine per cent worked as judicial clerks and the remainder worked for public interest groups or outside the profession.

Dean said the employment breakdown for University law graduates is roughly the same.

A big drawback for the lawyer hanging out his own shingle is expense. Roy Richter, said he considered starting out on his own, but "the expense is almost prohibitive." He would have had to pay for office rent, a secretary and the necessary books. without being assured that anyone would walk through the door for ser-

"You probably end up paying out more than you take in for quite a

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Water negotiators accept wage bid

By Lynn O'Shaughnessy Missourian staff writer

A tentative wage agreement was reached Friday between the Water and Light Employes Association and the

The employe group accepted the city's offer of a 5 per cent wage increase, a floating holiday, the upgrading and reclassification of three positions and a one-eighth of one per cent increase in retirement benefits.

The wage package could be made

final Monday if the 100 employes approve it at a weekend meeting.

"We can more or less agree on this, but we have to take this back to the group," said the employes' chief spokesman, Gary Anderson, after almost two hours of deliberations.

Columbia Employe Relations Director Nick Smeed said, "I would hope they accept it. It seems to be a very reasonable offer."

The only hurdle still threatening

quick ratification of the package, Anderson said, is the small hike in retirement benefits. His group requested a one-quarter of one per cent hike. -

Smeed conceded the present retirement plan is "fairly inadequate," and told the group a one-quarter of one per cent increase might be possible before the year is out.

Smeed said the larger increase would be given if the city is not required to pay a 1 per cent unemployment compensation contribution to the state.

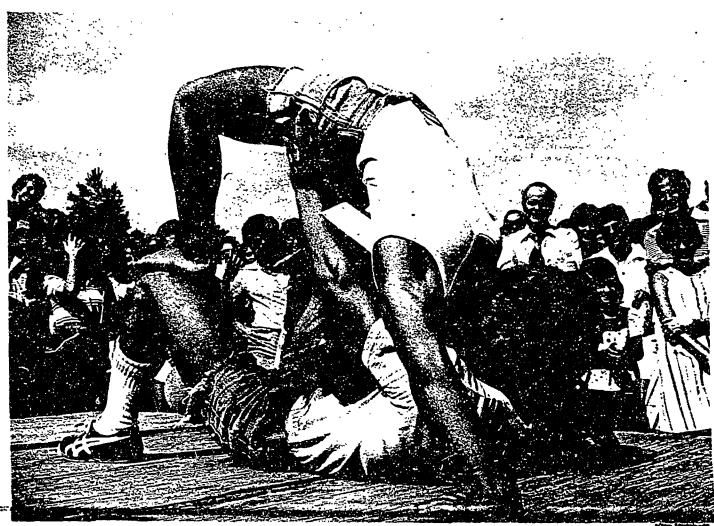
The unemployment compensation until this year was shouldered by the federal government, but the responsibility was shifted to some local governments this year. The case now is pending in a federal court.

If the city is required to pay workmen's compensation, the city payroll would have to be increased 1½-2 per cent, Smeed said.

If the Water and Light employe group agrees to the wage offer, only Local 45 of the Public Service Employes Union still would be negotiating with the city.

The Columbia Police Association and Local 1055 of the International Association of Firefighters already have accepted their wage packages, which include five per cent salary in-

Friday's meeting noticeably lacked the animosity often associated with such negotiations. When the entire negotiating group posed for some TV film, someone kiddingly suggested that a few clenched fists and a couple of nasty scowls might be in order.



"Kissingest couple" Cindy Russo, 900 Richmond Ave., and Jim Marion, 506 E. Rollins St.,

win the "Kiss-off" trophy with this maneuver.

Kissing agility earns trophy

Missourian staff writer

It's official.

Jim Marion, 19, of 506 E. Rollins, and Cindy Russo, 21, of 900 Richmond Ave., were declared the University's "Kissingest Couple" Friday.

Combining remarkable agility and unmatched enthusiasm, they won what was billed as the University's first "Kiss-off," defeating three other couples.

A short while later, 105 couples simultaneously kissed for one minute.

The two events were sponsored by the University's Student Foundation to raise money for its scholarship

Rick McDonald, foundation vicepresident, said he got the idea for the stunts by looking through the Guiness Book of World Records. He plans to mail results to the book, in hopes of creating a new category for the most people kissing simultaneously. The foundation hopes to raise \$3,000 from the kissing contest and a dance Friday night. One couple, Steve Liebling, 356

"We were just walking around, looking for something to do,'

decided to enter the contest.

Smith Hall, and Patty Beaver, 608

Hatch Hall, met Friday morning and

Liebling said. Marion and Ms. Russo won the

contest with an imaginative position that Marion called a "reversedinverted.' Marion lay on his back while Ms. Russo stood on her hands, fell backward and placed her feet on Marion's knees. Marion said they had done little training for the event, relying instead on a "strong beginning and a smooth and graceful follow-through.'

Wayne Anderson, a University professor of human sexuality and one of the judges, said the decision was "clear-cut." He called Marion and Ms. Russo the couple who displayed the most "sheer enjoyment."

For their two minutes of kissing, the winning couple received two heart-shaped trophies from Mayor Les Proctie , and two tickets for Friday night's dance.

Marion said their plans include "a six-pack of beer and more practice."

Autumn Fest to revive small town spirit

By Mary Little Missourian staff writer

Sponsors of today's Autumn Fest in Cosmopolitan Park hope the mini-fair will give Columbia a touch of the smalltown atmosphere it once had.

The festival, beginning at noon, will feature hot-air balloon rallies, musical performances, craft exhibits, an art auction and games for children and

The event is being sponsored by five _

local service organizations — the Teen Center, YMCA-YWCA, Front Door, Everyday People and radio station

"There are really two purposes to it," said Scott Saults, a festival coordinator. "It's a fund-raising event for these five agencies. It also has a community development purpose."

He said he expects about 20,000 to attend.

The festival will give Columbians a chance to become acquainted with

community organizations and to recapture a sense of community spirit, Saults said.

"In a way we're throwing a party for the city," he said.

The balloon rallies, sponsored by the Columbia Convention & Visitors Bureau, will begin at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. and 7 a.m. Sunday. Each is expected to last 11/2 to 2 hours. No admission will be charged for the rallies.

In the two morning rallies, called "The Hare and the Hound," about 20 balloons will try to land as close as possible to wherever the target "hare" balloon lands. In the evening rally, balloonists will test their flying expertise as they attempt to land as close as possible to a predetermined point.

Festival booths and exhibits will be open from noon to 10 p.m. today. The schedule for today's musical

performances:

Noon - Gospel music show, with groups and solo artists from the area. 2:30 p.m. - Musical variety show, including folk singers, Irish music, and a square dance exhibition.

5:30 p.m. - Lyle Harris and Jasmine, a local jazz group. 7:30 p.m. - Danny Cox, folk and

blues singer for Good Karma Productions.

9:30 p.m. - The New Randle Chowning Group, a country-rock band also with Good Karma Productions.

Admission will be \$2 at the park quadplex. Persons younger than 10 and older than 65 will be admitted free.

Gunman commits suicide

HACKETTSTOWN, N.J. (UPI) -The son of a local politician shot six persons to death along a lonely railroad grading in his rural home town Friday, then killed himself as a heavily armed pesse surrounded him and move in for

Emil Benoist, about 20, of Hackettstown, the son of former borough councilman Pierre Benoist. They said he killed his six male victims with a .44caliber rifle, then turned the weapon on himself.

The identities of the victims were withheld pending notification of next of kin, but police said they included a motorcyclist and two teen-agers with a

The motive for the shooting spree was not known.

Police said the gunman started the

shooting spree along the railroad tracks shortly after 4 p.m. CDT, apparently picking his victims at random.

Police cornered the man in a cornfield about 5:30 p.m.

Nearly three hours later — as some 25 state troopers and a score of local police closed in on the gunman with dogs - he came out on a road near the cornfield and shot himself in the head,

State police identified the gunman as

Pledged same collateral twice Lance violated private contract

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Budget Director Bert Lance apparently violated a private loan contract in 1978 by pladging the same colleteral twice, but the White Hoase jumped to his defense and said he was unaware the collateral had been pledged in two separate deals.

The incident, latest in a series of controversies stemming from Lance's former activities as a banker, came to light Friday in banking records released by federal investigators who checked into several multimillion dollar loans Lance obtained in 1975 and

In this case, the records indicated Lance, then a Georgia bank president, agreed to put up a 14,811-share stock dividend as colleteral for a \$2.6 million losn from the Manufacturers Hanover

Trust Co. of New York on June 30, 1976. Lance sockesman Robert Dietsch somitting a "technical" contract violation may have taken place confirmed that, after the dividend was declared. Lance used the stock as collateral for a \$150,000 loan from the Chemical Bank of New York.

Presidential press secretary Jody Powell dealt with the new Lance disclosure at two news briefings, and again denied White House officials have considered asking for Lance's resignation as director of the Office of

Management and Budget. "Mr. Lance," Powell said, "says categorically that, at the time he made the Chemical loan in early February 1976, he was not aware he had pledged the dividends in addition to the stock on the Manufacturers Hanover loan made at the end of June 1975."

"There would have been absolutely no reason whatsoever for Mr. Lance to knowingly pledge the same collateral on two different loans, primarily because he certainly was in no position financially that would have put pressure on him."

Asked if he were convinced Lance acted ethically in the matter, Powell said, "yes, I am." But he added that, "in fairness," the matter should get

Lance faces a three-pronged federal investigation into his financial dealings prior to his appointment as budget director.

The Comptroller of the Currency's office and congressional investigators are reviewing transactions that include two large loans lance obtained to help buy controlling interest in the National Bank of Georgia. The IRS is also investigatng aspects of Lance's banking

Commenting on the double collateral incident, Dietsch said it was "technically" a violation of the Manufacturers Hanover loan contract, but maintained that bank was "more than satisfied" with Lance's performance in relaying the loan.

"The loan was never called," Dietsch said. "It has been paid. All the interest was paid on schedule."

But Manufacturers Hanover vice

president James Hambelton said the bank tried unsuccessfully to obtain the 10 per cent stock dividend in late 1976.

"We never did receive it," Hambelton said. "The stock dividend, as I recall, was declared after the loan was made.'

He said the bank officers requesting the stock were unaware Lance had put it up as collateral with the Chemical Bank.

"We were dissatisfied in the sense that there was effort made to get it," Hambelton said. "We were never concerned about the collectability of the loan." However, a Nov. 5, 1976, letter from

Manufacturers vice president Betsy Jo

Viener to Lance indicated that without the dividend Lance's collateral fell some \$640,000 short of the value of the \$2,625,000 loan. Later, the market value of Lance's National Bank of Georgia stock plunged

from about \$17, the price he paid for it,

to as low as \$3.50.



Hard times

At 92, Jesse Howard may be going deaf and blind, but he still paints a mean sign. Sunday's Vibrations finds him sitting atop his hill near Fulton, churning out the plaques which attest to his discontent with humanity.

It's been hard times for Darryl Humphrey, alias guitarist Johnny Doe. Just when he seemed to be a shooting star, his career fizzled. This week's Vibrations tells how Humphrey is trying to get in tune again as a Columbia